

OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

FISCAL YEAR 2011

Instructions

1. Please complete the entire form. **All fields are required.**
2. Please do not **bold**, underline, or *italicize* responses.
3. Request forms must be submitted as a Word document.
4. All completed request forms and any supplemental materials must be submitted via email to: Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov
5. Please do not send more than one request per email.
6. All completed request forms must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 26, 2010.**
7. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your request within 48 hours of submission, please contact Stephanie Cappa in Congressman Blumenauer's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4811.

PLEASE NOTE: All appropriations requests submitted to Congressman Blumenauer's office will be made public on his website, as required by the House Committee on Appropriations.

Project Details

1. Project title:

Southwest High Capacity Transit Corridor (Barbur/I-5, Portland to Sherwood)

2. Organization name and address (the recipient of the funds):

Metro

600 NE Grand Avenue

Portland, Oregon 97232

3. Contact information

- a. Project's primary contact:** Ross Roberts, Deputy Director, Planning and Development
- b. Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number:** 503-797-1752
- c. Email Address:** ross.roberts@oregonmetro.gov
- d. Project location** (if different than organization's address):

4. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.

Metro is the metropolitan planning organization in the Portland metropolitan region. Metro typically leads Alternatives Analyses and environmental analyses for New Starts projects. Land use planning is Metro's primary responsibility. Metro also:

- operates of a solid waste disposal system
- operates regional facilities such as Metro's Oregon Zoo, the Oregon Convention Center, and other trade and spectator buildings
- acquires and manages a system of parks and open spaces
- plans for response coordination for natural disasters
- maintains, coordinates and develops regional data.

5. Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?

Public

6. From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)? SAFETEA-LU or its successor; Department of Transportation; Federal Transit Administration; Section 5339

7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (no more than 500 words). Prepare Alternatives Analysis and environmental analyses for potential high capacity transit investment in the southwest corridor of the Portland metropolitan region. The corridor is in the vicinity of Barbur Hwy/Pacific Hwy/99W between downtown Portland and Sherwood. A variety of land use and transportation solutions would be studied, including, alignment alternatives, station locations and transit options. This would be part of planning and design toward the aim of an eventual New Starts-funded transit project.

8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

The purpose of this project is to improve mobility and access between markets within this corridor. This corridor ranked highest in total potential benefits to the region, compared to 55 corridors examined through the 2009 Regional High Capacity Transit System Plan.

This project would identify the best transit option for this corridor and prepare the project for further stages of development. The transit project would:

- enhance access to jobs and housing
- increase transit mode shares
- decrease dependence on foreign oil
- reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- provide more capacity in the corridor for economic development
- create alternatives to current and future projected congestion in the corridor

9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

No

9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

Funding Details

10. Amount requested for this project:

\$2.5 million is requested for FY 2011

11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

Agency conceptual design, outreach, early environmental analyses	\$2,000,000
Materials and supplies	\$100,000
Contracted consultants (project coordination, outreach, conceptual design, technical analyses)	\$400,000

12. What is the total cost of the project?

The initial cost estimate is for \$40 million for Alternatives Analysis, environmental analyses, design, planning, and Preliminary Engineering.

13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011?)?

Yes, efforts are scalable, though a smaller amount will slow the work.

14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)

Metro PL/STP - \$200,000

MTIP - \$250,000

15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.

- Metro
- TriMet
- Washington County
- City of Lake Oswego
- City of Portland
- City of Tigard
- City of Tualatin

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